

Public Law 91-415

September 25, 1970
[S. 2808]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Minot extension of the Garrison diversion unit of the Missouri River Basin project in North Dakota, and for other purposes.

Missouri River
Basin project,
N. Dak.

Garrison diver-
sion unit, Minot
extension.
43 USC 371 and
note.

33 USC 466
note.

Repayment con-
tracts, terms.

43 USC 485a.

43 USC 485h.

Survey require-
ments, exception.

43 USC 390a.

Interest rates.

Maintenance.

Criteria.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Minot extension of the Garrison diversion unit in North Dakota under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902; 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto) for the principal purposes of conveying, regulating, and furnishing water made available through facilities of the Garrison diversion unit for use by the city of Minot and other communities for municipal and industrial purposes; conserving and developing fish and wildlife resources; and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities. The Minot extension to the Garrison diversion unit shall be operated in such manner that identifiable return flows of water will not cause the Souris River to be in violation of water quality standards promulgated pursuant to the Water Quality Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 903).

SEC. 2. The Secretary is authorized to construct appropriate portions of the Minot extension to assist in the interim delivery of water from ground water sources prior to the availability of water through the facilities of the Garrison diversion unit.

SEC. 3. (a) Costs of the project, or any unit or stage thereof, allocated to municipal water supply, shall be repayable, with interest, by the municipal water users over a period of not more than fifty years from the date that water is first delivered for that purpose, pursuant to contracts with municipal corporations or other organizations, as defined in subsection 2(g) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187). Such contracts shall be executed before the commencement of construction of the project. Contracts may be entered into with water users' organizations pursuant to the provisions of this Act without regard to the last sentence of subsection 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187).

(b) Expenditures for the Minot extension may be made without regard to the soil survey and land classification requirements of the Interior Department Appropriation Act of 1954 (67 Stat. 266).

(c) The interest rate used for computing interest during construction and interest on the unpaid balance of the reimbursable costs of the Minot extension shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which construction on the extension is commenced, on the basis of the computed average interest rate payable by the Treasury upon its outstanding marketable public obligations which are neither due nor callable for redemption for fifteen years from date of issue.

(d) The Secretary is authorized to transfer to a qualified contracting entity or entities the care, operation, and maintenance of the project works, and, if such transfer is made, to credit annually against the contractor's repayment obligation that portion of the year's joint operation and maintenance costs which, if the United States had continued to operate the project, would have been allocated to fish and wildlife and recreation purposes. Prior to assuming care, operation, and maintenance of the project works the contracting entity or entities shall be obligated to operate them in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary of the Interior with respect to fish and wildlife and recreation.

SEC. 4. The conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources and the enhancement of recreation opportunities in connection with the Minot extension shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Water Projects Recreation Act (79 Stat. 213).

Conservation
and recreation.

SEC. 5. There is authorized to be appropriated for the construction of the Minot extension the sum of \$12,900,000 (January 1969 prices), plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the type of construction involved. There are also authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be required for the operation and maintenance of the extension.

16 USC 460-
12 note.
Appropriation.

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AN ACT

September 25, 1970
[S. 203]

To amend the Act of June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96), with respect to the Navajo Indian irrigation project.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96), is amended as follows:

Navajo Indian
irrigation project.
43 USC 615ii-
615yy.

(a) By deleting "and" in the first sentence of section 3(a) immediately preceding "townships 27" and by inserting immediately preceding "New Mexico principal meridian", the following: "townships 26 and 27 north, range 11 west, and townships 24, 25, and 26 north, ranges 12 and 13 west,";

(b) By deleting "\$135,000,000 (June 1961 prices)" in the first sentence of section 7 and substituting in lieu thereof "\$206,000,000 (April 1970 prices)"; and

(c) By adding the following subsection to section 3:

"(d) Each permit that is in effect on lands declared to be held in trust for the Navajo Tribe pursuant to section 3(a) of this Act shall continue in effect for the term thereof unless the land is needed for irrigation purposes, subject to regulations applicable to permits of Indian lands, and upon its expiration it shall only be renewed on an annual basis until the land is required for irrigation purposes. When, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, such land is required for irrigation purposes, the Secretary shall notify the permittee and the permit shall be deemed to be canceled, with no right of appeal. The permittee shall be compensated by the Navajo Tribe for the reasonable value of any range improvements of a permanent nature placed on the lands under authority of a permit or agreement with the United States, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. Amounts paid to the United States by the Navajo Tribe out of tribal funds for the full appraised value of lands declared to be held in trust for the Navajo Tribe pursuant to section 3(a) of this Act shall be reduced by the amount of compensation paid by the Navajo Tribe to permittees pursuant to this subsection."

SEC. 2. The Navajo Indian irrigation project shall be operated in such manner that identifiable flows of water will not cause the project to be in violation of water quality standards promulgated pursuant to the Water Quality Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 903).

33 USC 466 note.

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